

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending.

Claims 2-7 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 8-11 stand rejected.

Claim 1 has been canceled.

Claim 2 has been amended to change the "copolymer" having three monomers to a "terpolymer".

Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to depend on claim 2, rather than on canceled claim 1.

OBJECTIONS:

1. ABSTRACT: Applicant's Abstract was not in the form of a single paragraph. The Abstract has been amended to be in the form of a single paragraph.
2. The right part of the structure in paragraph 35 contains the number "2" which should be subscripted. Applicant has amended this structure to subscript the "2".
3. Claim 11 has been canceled, making the objections relating to claim 11 mute.

ELECTION

Applicants have elected a core/shell additive having an alkyl acrylate copolymer core and an alkyl (meth)acrylate copolymer shell. The claims have been amended to be limited to these elected species.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for various reasons. Claim 1 has been deleted, making said rejections mute.

Claim 10 is rejected for having no antecedent basis for "terpolymer". Claim 2 was amended to add the term "terpolymer", thereby creating proper antecedent basis.

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35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 8, 9 and 11 stand rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Brown et al, in view of Farnham et al, Wayne, and Owens. Claims 1 and 11 have been canceled, and claims 8 and 9 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 2.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has allowed claims 2-7. Claim 2 has been amended to remove the non-elected species, and to change the term "copolymer" to "terpolymer" to describe the polymer made from the said three monomers. It is believed that no new matter is added by this amendment, and the claim as amended is also allowable.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the reasons for rejection have been overcome, and the claims, as amended herein, should be allowable to the Applicant. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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